

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 361, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense began fiscal year 2005 appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies began fiscal year 2005 appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Base Realignment and Closure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Geoffrey Prosch, Acting Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Army; Hansford T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy; and Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, Installations, Environment and Logistics, Department of the Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2005—DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request for the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Gordon R. England, Secretary; Adm. Vern Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005. Testimony was heard from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY CHOICES FOR HEALTHY CHILDREN

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing entitled "Encouraging Healthy Choices for Healthy Children." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BROADCAST DECENCY ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; REVIEW—THIS YEAR'S FLU SEASON

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3536, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 Main Street in Malden, Illinois, as the "Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office;" H.R. 3537, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 185 State Street in Manhattan, Illinois, as the "Army Pvt. Shawn Pahnke Manhattan Post Office;" H.R. 3538, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 South Chicago Avenue in Saint Anne, Illinois, as the "Marine Capt. Ryan Beaupre Saint Anne Post Office;" H.R. 3690, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 West Main Street in Batavia, New York, as the "Barber Conable Post Office Building;" H.R. 3769, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 137 East Young High Pike in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "Ben Atchley Post Office Building;" H. Res. 392, Congratulating the Detroit Shock for winning the 2003 Women's National Basketball Association championship; H. Res. 439, Honoring the life and career of Willie Shoemaker and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family and friends on his death; H. Con. Res. 287, Recognizing and honoring the life of the late Raul Julia, his dedication to ending world hunger, and his great contributions to the Latino community and the performing arts; and H. Res. 519, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the earthquake that occurred in San Luis Obispo County, California, on December 22, 2003.

The Committee approved the release of the transcript of the April 10, 2003 interview of Frank Salemme.

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "A Review of This Year's Flu Season: Does Our Public Health System Need a Shot in the Arm?" Testimony was heard from the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director,